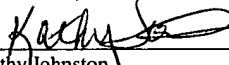


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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 24, 2003, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. This Transmittal Letter;
3. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements;
4. Petition for Extension of Time;
5. Executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney (in counterparts)
6. Check in the amount of \$550.00.


A check is enclosed for the following fees:

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/01/2002
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/01/2002
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/01/2002
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/01/2002
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/01/2002
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/01/2002

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- **\$130** Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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